

# ATTENTION

## ORDER

On March 6, 2020, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb declared a public health emergency in Indiana relating to the Coronavirus 2019; and on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency relating to the virus. United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that “social distancing” is necessary to minimize further spread of the virus, and the Indiana State Department of Health has issued and will continue to issue recommendations.

The Judges of the Wells County Circuit and Superior Courts have petitioned the Indiana Supreme Court for authorization to employ certain emergency measures under Indiana Administrative Rule 17 to insure the continued operation of the Courts and Wells County Courthouse.

At this time, the Wells County Courts and Wells County Courthouse remain open for the needs of the citizens of Wells County; however, due to the concern of the threat of spreading the COVID-19 virus the following recommendations are being implemented:

1) Individuals who have:

- A. Visited China, Iran, South Korea, any European countries, or any other high-risk countries identified by the CDC in the previous fourteen (14) days;
- B. Resided with or been in close contact with someone who has been in any of those countries within the previous fourteen (14) days;

- C. Traveled domestically within the United States where COVID-19 has sustained widespread community transmission;
- D. Been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency;
- E. Been diagnosed with or had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; or
- F. A fever, cough, or shortness of breath;

are requested to not enter the building and may be removed by a court security officer or a law enforcement officer.

2) Spectators are requested not to attend court hearings at this time.

In addition, please consider whether your visit to the courthouse is essential or whether your business might be handled with a telephone call to the appropriate department.


The following departments may be reached as follows:

i. Assessor	824-6476
ii. Auditor	824-6470
iii. Child Support (IV-D)	824-6409
iv. Circuit Court	824-6485
v. Clerk	824-6479
vi. Community Corrections	824-6405
vii. IT	824-6400
viii. Probation	824-6496
ix. Prosecutor	824-4102
x. Recorder	824-6507
xi. Security	824-6557
xii. Superior Court	824-3287
xiii. Surveyor	824-6414
xiv. Treasurer	824-6512

Those conducting business in the courthouse are requested they do so individually without friends and family members.


Finally, those conducting business are requested to cover their mouths and noses when coughing and sneezing, wash their hands thoroughly, and to the extent possible, exercise "social distancing."

So ORDERED: March 17, 2020.



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Honorable Kenton W. Kiracofe  
Judge, Wells Circuit Court



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Honorable Andrew K. Antrim  
Judge, Wells Superior Court